



Tennessee Crop Weather

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VERY BUSY WEEK OF FARMING!

Corn and hay harvest were still going strong last week but were accompanied by the start of soybean and cotton harvests. Dark tobacco harvest continued to run behind schedule. Growers reported struggling to get the heavy leaves into the barn. Scarcity of labor has also contributed to the delay. Cotton was opening with defoliation underway. The soybean crop was filling pods nicely. Pastures were in good condition for this time of year but weedy. Insects, particularly armyworms, were present.

Six days were suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 12 percent very short, 28 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Temperatures and precipitation averaged below normal across the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn for Grain – Harvested	79	64	54	52	Cotton	1	4	27	58	10
Corn Silage – Harvested	96	93	93	91	Pastures	4	13	35	44	4
Cotton – Bolls Opening	81	63	63	67	Soybeans	2	9	27	50	12
Cotton – Harvested	3	N/A	1	4						
Cotton – Defoliated	29	N/A	24	27						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	46	29	37	48						
Soybeans – Harvested	4	N/A	1	4						
Burley Tobacco – Harvested	66	54	67	67						
Dark Air Cured – Harvested	69	58	85	86						
Dark Fire Cured – Harvested	58	46	72	75						

County Agent Comments

“Soybean and cotton harvest is underway in the county. With recent rains, yield or both crops should be above average. Pastures in Lauderdale County are having severe issues with armyworms. Beef cattle producers are making several applications of insecticides for control.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“Thursday night/Friday morning rain will help fill some soybean pods. Rain was not needed at this stage on cotton as most is opening and some has been defoliated. Rainfall will certainly benefit pasture.”

Richard Buntin, Crockett County

“The farmers in Fayette County have finished harvesting corn for the most part. They have been busy defoliating cotton and plan to start harvest at the end of the week. Beans are also being harvested along with hay.”

Jeffery Via, Fayette County

“Excellent harvest weather allowed corn producers to push closer to completion this week. Many producers completed corn harvest on their operation and have moved on to soybeans. Some later planted acreage of corn remains and later maturing soybeans are turning yellow and dropping leaves. Early maturing soybeans are yielding in the 25 to 40 bushel per acre range.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Corn harvest going strong, beans are beginning to drop leaves and several acres of late hay being harvested.”

Kevin Rose, Giles County

“Corn is averaging around 50 bushels. The first soybeans were harvested this week. Fall hay is turning out good making our hay barns look a lot better than they did after a disastrous spring cutting.”

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

“Harvested tobacco is suffering from barn burn damage due to poor curing conditions. Much of the tobacco being harvested is almost too big to hang due to tremendous rebound growth following rain.”

David Glover, Smith County

“Tobacco harvest is stalled due to shortage of labor and what was good tobacco is standing in the field ruining. Corn is being harvested but very low yield. Soybeans seem to be the only bright spot and looks like they will have a good to excellent harvest. Cattle remain in good condition, with good pastures except for heavy weeds and hay seems to be plentiful thanks to a good fall harvest.”

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

“A dry week with excellent weather made for a busy week for producers. Corn harvest is beginning to wind down with about 75% of the crop harvested and a number of producers reporting finished or near finished with harvest. Soybean harvest picked up this week with good to excellent yields ranging from 35 to 65 bushels per acre. Stink bug and soybean looper populations reaching threshold levels in several fields. Disease pressure has been very light. Cotton harvest is beginning, producers have been busy applying defoliants. Hay harvest was in full swing, pastures have responded well to weather conditions.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Lots of hay was baled this week. Quantity was good, quality was fair. Corn silage finished up this week. Most was fair in quality. Beans look OK for now. Rain is needed.”

John Goddard, Loudon County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
 For week ending: September 16, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending September 16, 2012				Current Week 9/16/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	88	48	71	-2	0.00	0	30.76	-6.85	20.26	-3.40
Brownsville_TN	85	53	72	-1	0.02	1	23.74	-13.83	13.50	-10.11
Covington	83	54	70	-3	0.00	0	24.69	-12.01	12.55	-10.29
Dyersburg	86	54	72	-2	0.12	3	19.74	-16.14	10.60	-12.30
Huntingdon_Wate	85	52	70	-2	0.19	2	24.47	-13.44	15.78	-8.21
Jackson_Exp_Stn	89	53	72	-1	0.00	0	31.05	-6.23	20.11	-3.74
Lexington_TN	84	52	70	-3	0.03	2	27.61	-8.71	16.46	-6.51
Martin	84	53	70	-2	0.24	2	25.76	-12.06	15.00	-9.41
Memphis_AG	87	56	73	-2	0.08	2	31.82	-4.95	20.77	-2.33
Milan	86	52	70	-2	0.69	3	30.31	-8.62	19.80	-5.34
Paris	82	52	69	-3	0.39	2	24.06	-13.53	14.36	-9.55
Savannah_6SW	88	51	71	-3	0.00	0	32.03	-8.56	19.07	-5.88
Selmer	86	53	72	1	0.00	0	33.23	-6.53	20.44	-3.90
Union_City	84	51	69	-3	0.24	2	26.36	-10.5	16.76	-6.75
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	86	53	71	-1	0.13	2	22.59	-13.74	13.21	-9.30
Cookeville	83	52	67	-3	0.00	0	37.42	-3.91	22.29	-3.84
Crossville_AP	80	51	68	1	0.00	0	31.79	-8.69	17.28	-8.00
Dickson_AG	82	51	69	-2	0.00	0	29.26	-9.56	17.46	-7.18
Dover_1W	84	55	69	-2	0.52	2	27.49	-10.21	16.80	-6.83
Fayetteville_TN	85	53	70	-1	0.00	0	36.83	-1.73	21.84	-1.27
Jamestown	79	50	66	-2	0.00	0	37.63	-2.41	21.91	-4.14
Kingston_Spring	86	53	70	0	0.02	1	32.58	-4.66	21.63	-1.48
Lewisburg	85	50	68	-3	0.10	1	25.47	-13.82	14.78	-9.77
Livingston_WLIV	83	52	68	-2	0.00	0	33.56	-4.88	17.31	-7.46
Lobelville	86	51	70	-2	0.12	1	25.84	-14.03	15.21	-9.50
Murfreesboro_5N	85	50	69	-3	0.01	1	30.93	-7.62	18.82	-5.79
Nashville_Metro	85	55	72	-1	0.00	0	33.86	-0.67	22.81	0.67
Oneida	81	48	66	-1	0.00	0	37.07	-2.82	20.17	-5.70
Portland_TN	82	54	70	0	0.01	1	32.29	-5.05	20.61	-3.27
Pulaski_Water_P	84	50	68	-6	0.00	0	30.99	-8.46	19.76	-4.12
Shelbyville	84	54	71	-2	0.00	0	30.48	-9.01	16.56	-7.88
Sparta_TN	83	52	68	-2	0.00	0	31.48	-8.38	18.50	-6.64
Springfield	83	50	69	-2	0.04	2	36.34	0.5	24.65	1.84
Springhill	87	48	68	-3	0.05	1	32.37	-7.02	21.28	-3.32
Tullahoma	83	53	69	-3	0.00	0	33.45	-7.14	20.08	-4.37
Waynesboro_TN	83	47	67	-4	0.00	0	32.98	-8.4	21.14	-4.28
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	86	58	72	-2	0.00	0	32.54	-6.17	18.21	-4.60
Cleveland_6NNE	84	53	69	-3	0.00	0	29.35	-10.25	17.78	-6.09
Dayton	84	54	69	-3	0.00	0	36.74	-3.87	22.41	-2.00
Erwin_1W	80	51	66	-1	0.00	0	40.51	3.63	29.81	4.58
Gatlinburg_2SW	77	49	63	-4	0.00	0	43.56	1.1	26.99	-1.38
Greeneville	83	50	68	-2	0.00	0	34.72	2.67	23.60	2.36
Kingston_AG	83	55	70	2	0.00	0	41.26	-1.16	26.28	0.11
Knoxville_AP	85	57	72	2	0.00	0	37.35	2.65	21.56	0.32
Newcomb	81	51	67	1	0.00	0	38.89	-1	22.43	-3.44
Norris_4NE	84	52	68	-3	0.00	0	37.28	-1.36	20.77	-3.82
Tri-City_RGNL_A	82	52	67	-2	0.00	0	34.63	4.22	23.90	3.97

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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